FORT CARSON
COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Prepared by
30 January 2014

AGENDA

- Call Meeting to Order & Admin Announcements –
- Opening Remarks – Senior Commander/Acting Senior Commander/ and Senior Spouse
- Hail and Farewells
- USAG Update –
- MEDDAC CDR Update –
- DENTAC CDR Update –
- One Item of Interest to All (Directors and other Installation Partners)
- Special Briefs
  - Mountain Post Tax Center
  - Mountain Post Spouses Club
- Closing Remarks – Acting Senior Commander

Deputy Garrison Commander
526-5600

DEPUTY GARRISON COMMANDER

- 2014 Way-Ahead
- 12 February Destination Fort Carson
- Legalization of Marijuana and How it Affects Fort Carson

MEDDAC 526-7500

Tricare Service Center (TSC) Closure

Background

- On 1APR14, TSCs will discontinue throughout the entire United States, but will remain open at overseas locations
- Service centers have been open since 1996 providing walk-in service to our beneficiaries
- Beneficiaries increasingly use the internet, mobile, and telephonic options
- The majority of TSC visits concern billing, enrollment, Primary Care Manager (PCM) changes, benefits, and referrals; all can be resolved online at:
  - **www.tricare.mil**
  - mobile applications
  - calling toll free to **Customer Service: 1-877-988-9378**

At TOL online in the "I Want to …" section you can:

- Enroll in or Purchase a Plan
- Change your Primary Care Manager
- File or Check a Claim
- View Referrals and Prior
- Authorizations

INPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT (5TH FLOOR, EVANS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL)

- New 14-bed ward on 5th floor of Evans ACH with ribbon cutting ceremony on 30 January 2014
  - Allows service members to receive care on post, near support of units and family members.
  - Provides increased continuity of care
    - Outpatient program director coordinates care with the inpatient services team
  - Accommodates up to 14 patients in a safe, healing environment which includes:

- Patient Exercise Area
- Group Therapy Room
- Outdoor Recreational Area
- Group Activity Room

CINDY FOWLER BREAST CLINIC

(Dedication Ceremony on Friday, 31 January 2014)

- Utilizes All Digital Mammography Imaging
- Offers Extended Appointment Hours
  (including Saturday appointments!)
- Performed 2,776 mammograms over past 12 months
- Annual mammograms are recommended for women, beginning at age 40. Please call the clinic at **719-526-7886** to schedule a mammogram or with any questions.

STARBUCKS!

Starbucks coffee shop now open

Lower level of the

Soldier and Family Care Center

(East side of Evans ACH)

Located adjacent to correspondence, one floor below the Pediatrics and Ironhorse Family Care Clinics

Hours 0630-1630, M-F

DENTAC
526-9190

DENTAC

- **“GO FIRST Class” Update**
  - **TRICARE Dental Program**
  - Ensure your Soldiers have their family members enrolled
  - We have seen a rise in the number of spouses that are not enrolled in the Tricare Dental Program
  - MetLife
    - phone number – (855) 638-8371
    - http://www.tricare.mil/TDP

Directorate of Human Resources (DHR)
526-2352

FORT CARSON SPONSORSHIP

AR-600-8-8 The Total Army Sponsorship Program (4 Apr 06)

- Soldier notified of orders
- Soldier fills out DA Form 5434
- Gaining command receives DA 5434
- Sponsor assigned within 10 Days

Incoming Brigade and Garrison will track assignment, conduct follow-up and ensure communications

- First Termers Sponsor Required All Else Afforded Opportunity
– New arrivals without assigned Sponsor appointed sponsor Day 2 of FCCO In-Processing

Sponsorship Program Includes:
Service Member
Spouse
Children
(CYSS Program)

Challenges

- Command emphasis
- Not mandated (currently)
- Program accountability
- Maintaining contact with Soldiers in transition

Working

- Effective training by ACS
- CYSS Program for kids
- Pilot Program
- Sponsor assigned at reporting (In-processing)

ARMY WIDE SPONSORSHIP PILOT PROGRAM
(HAWAII, KOREA & EUROPE)

Current Program

- Commanders Program
- Members ***Afforded*** an opportunity to have a sponsor
- ***Recommendation*** – 10 Days assignment once 5434 is submitted
- Minimal program participation
- Junior Officer/Enlisted are disadvantaged from lack of Leadership Involvement

Pilot Program: 15 Nov 12 - Present

- Commanders Program
- ***Mandatory*** Sponsorship – Orders are not cut until sponsor assigned, CG waiver authority
- 10-day ***mandate*** sponsor assignment - DA Form 5434 Full Cycle – Submit, Assign, Return with Welcome Communications
- Significantly higher program participation percentages than current program
- Slower order writing process – creates anxiety and frustration
- Junior Enlisted Value Mandatory Program
- Senior Officer/Enlisted – Prefer Opt out Option

FCCO WAY AHEAD

- Command Emphasis is key to success
- Mandate Sponsorship for all PCS – fully implement Pilot Program, not just to piloted sites.
- Quarterly *Internal* OIP – enhance Division OIP
- Activate Brigade/Separate Battalion sponsorship links on FCCO Sponsorship Websites to enhance Installation program site
- Provide Sponsors adequate time and resources to perform sponsorship duties

Sponsorship is a commander's program where success can be measured by the level of involvement of a Soldier's chain of command and sponsors commitment

CHANGE IN ARMY TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA)

- Provides financial assistance for off-duty education in support of a Soldier's professional and personal self-development
- Policy changes designed to maximize TA use for all Soldiers in a constrained budget environment

Previous Program (Before 1 Jan 14)	Current Program
Soldier can use TA as soon as Cdr approves Annual TA Statement of Understanding	Must complete 1 yr of successful service after AIT, OCS, or BOLC
Must have approved degree plan	No change
No enrollment limit as long as it is within allowable semester hour (SH) limit and FY cap, $250 per SH up to a max of $4,500 per FY	Limit of max 16 SH per FY; same $250 per SH and max $4,500 per FY
Not more than one degree per level up through master's degree	Not more than one degree per level, but masters degree only if already served 10 yrs AD effective FY15 -- if TA used for any undergraduate program
Max 130SH for bachelor's and 39SH for masters; no 1st professional degrees, such as Ph.D., J.D. or M.D.	No change

UNITED ASSOCIATION (UA) VETERANS IN PIPING (VIP) PROGRAM

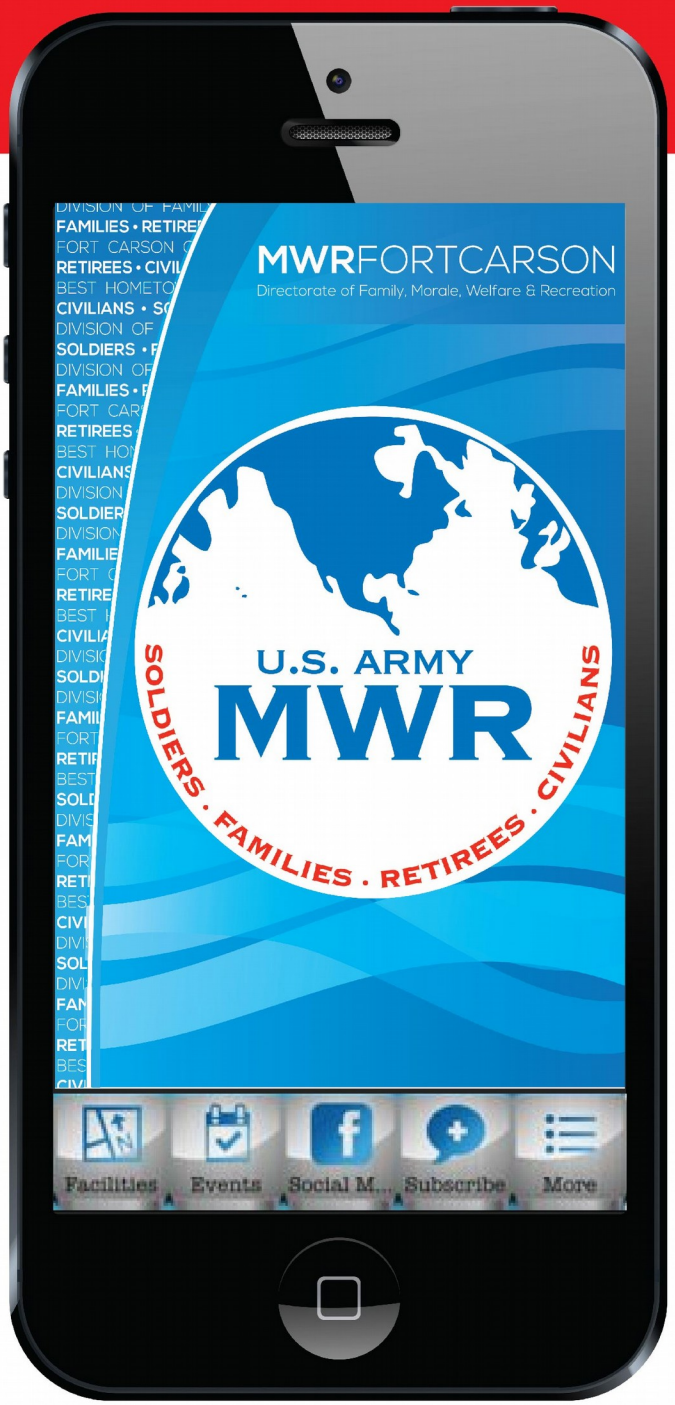
- Partnership between UA and FCCO
- Opportunity for transitioning SMs to learn a trade before ETS
- 18-weeks training, M-TH, no cost to Army or SM; guaranteed job placement at graduation (720 hrs of hands-on welding)
- SM needs clean driving record, desire to work outside, strong math & problem solving skills, ability to lift 50 lbs & stand for long periods of time, ASVAB scores for MM 95+ & GT Scores 90+, and honorable discharge. Provide sponsors adequate time and resources to perform sponsorship duties
- Application requires BN Cdr's signature and serious commitment from SM and unit to complete program
- 1st class graduates 8 Mar
- Application deadline for 2d class 21 Feb; class dates: 24 Mar – 24 Jul; 3d class: 11 Aug – 11 Dec
- For more info, call or visit the Education Ctr, Bldg 11 526-2124

irectorate of Family and Morale, /elfare and Recreation DFMWR) 24-0707

UPCOMING DFMWR EVENTS

- Super Bowl XLVll Party, 02 February
- Youth Services Sports Registration, 03 Feb – 07 March
- Back Country Skiing & Snowboarding, 07 - 08 February
- Tasting Event, 07 February
- Cupid Partner Shuffle, 08 February
- Youth Sports Fitness Challenge, 10 - 14 February
- Destination Fort Carson, 12 February
- Wolf Creek Ski & Soak Weekend, 15-17 February
- Fort Carson Commissary/AAFES Council, 25 February
- CG’s Right Arm Night, 28 February

OFFICIAL LAUNCH FEBRUARY 12



A FREE **APP** FOR ALL YOUR **MWR** NEEDS

Available on the App Store

ANDROID APP ON Google play

amazon apps Available at amazon

FIND FACILITIES

Never get lost again.
Directions, addresses and contact information for all MWR facilities!

CHECK OUT **CLASSES**

...and other activities!
Explore everything that MWR Fort Carson has to offer!

FIND OUT MORE

Never be bored again.
Subscribe via e-mail or connect on social media for deals and updates!

irectorate of Emergency Services
DES)
24-0369

Directorate of Emergency Services

E911
- Call Don't Haul
- Registration of Phones

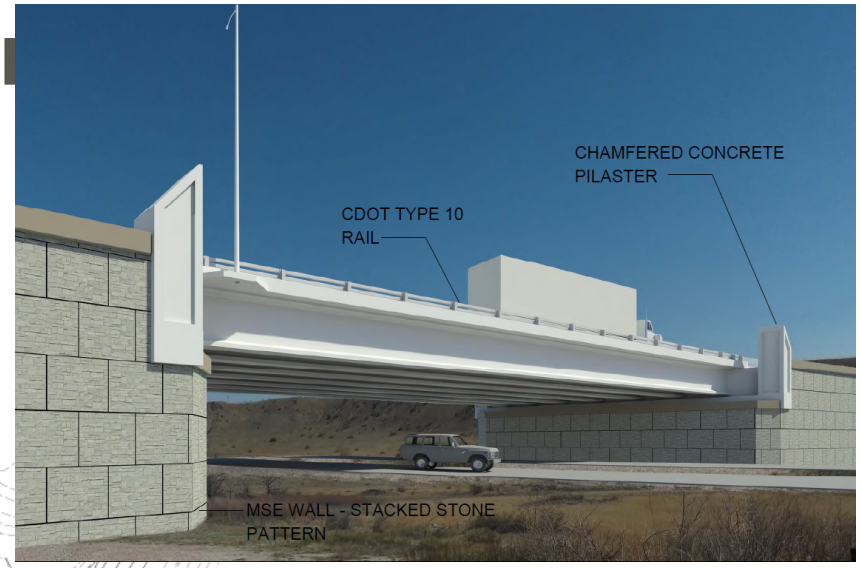
Marijuana Laws
- Medical: 2010 - 836
- Commercial: 2014 - 11

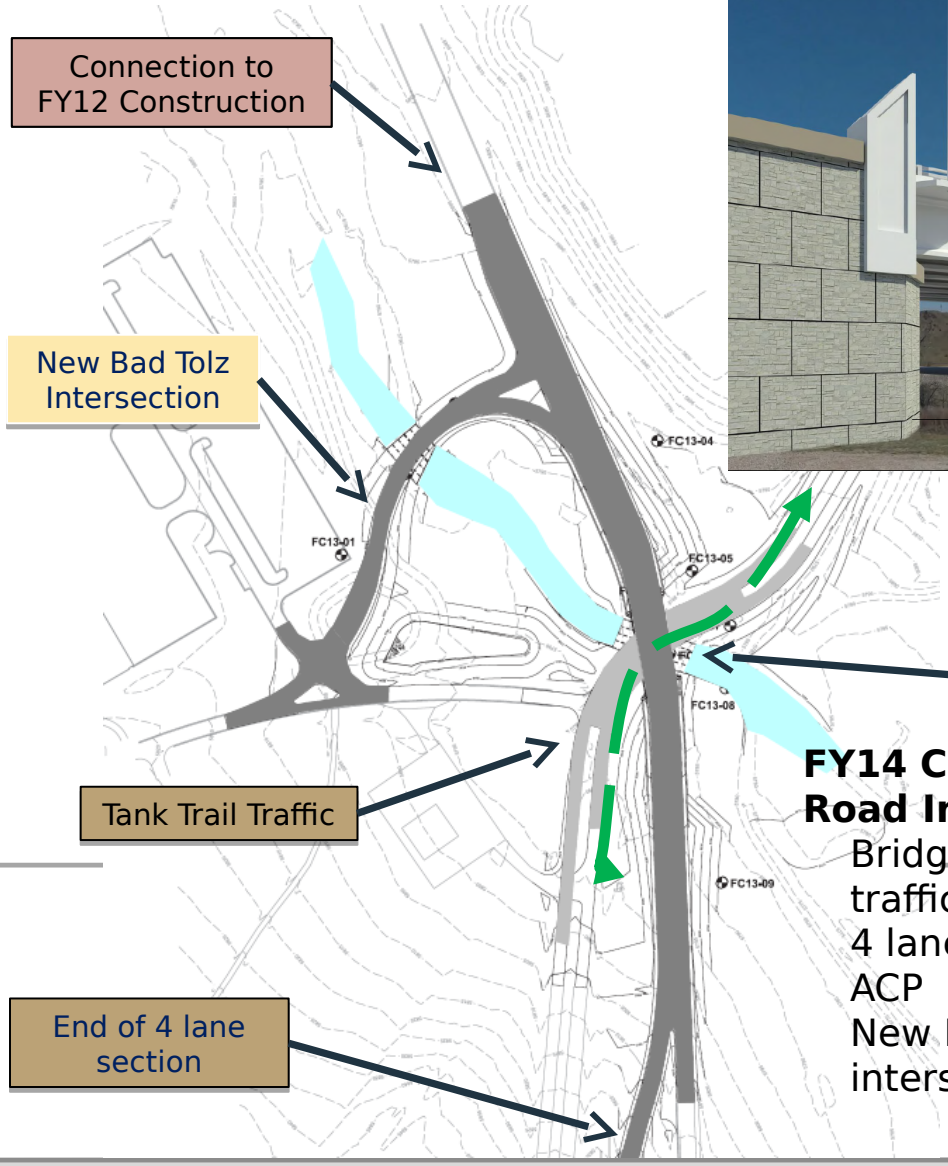
FC REG 40-37 and Balfour Beatty Policy Leash Laws
- Ensure privately owned animals are under proper control at all times

- Proper control is defined as: A restraint of an animal either by hand leash, tether, or fenced enclosure

Directorate of Public Works (DPW)
526-3415

CROW'S FOOT BRIDGE





FY14 Crow's Foot Bridge and Butts Road Improvements:

- Bridge over the Tank Trail for unimpeded traffic flow
- 4 lanes with turn lanes from Ardennes to ACP
- New Bad Tolz and Butts Road intersection

Army Community Service
ACS)
526-0441

Army Community Service

- 30 JAN: Investment Fraud Seminar
  1300-1500 – The Hub

- 20 FEB: Annual Naturalization Ceremony
  1000-1200 February 2014 - McMahon Theatre

- 21 FEB: “Military Saves” Kickoff Event
  1000-1200 – McMahon Theatre

- 24 FEB-01 MAR: “Military Saves” Week
  All Week – Various Locations

- 28 FEB: AER Campaign Kickoff Event
  1000-1100 – Elkhorn Conference Center

- 02-08 MAR: National Consumer Protection Week
  All Week – Various Locations

Religious Support Office
526-5279

RELIGIOUS SUPPORT OFFICE

Upcoming Events

- 31 January: Strong Bonds for Families of Deployed Soldiers. Hotel Elegante. Call Chaplain Family Life Center @ 526-6917 to register
- 09 February: Chili Challenge at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. Sign up 719-649-3653
- 22 February: Archbishop Broglio from the Archdiocese for Military Services will celebrate Mass at 1700, Soldiers Memorial Chapel
- 25 February: Protestant Women of the Chapel will have a “Walking Forward Through Life’s Stages program. Soldiers Memorial Chapel, 0900 – 1200
- 05 March: Ash Wednesday Mass, 1200 & 1700 Soldiers Memorial Chapel
- 13 April: Palm Sunday
- 20 April: Easter Sunday
- 01 May: Registration begins for Summer Vacation Bible School. VBS will be

District 8, Superintendent 382-1300

- New Colorado State Assessments

Balfour Beatty Communities
1679-1606

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Complimentary Snow Removal

for Spouses of Deployed Soldiers and Eligible WTU Soldiers-

*Bring in a copy of deployment orders to your community management office and complete a short form

*WTU Soldiers need a memo from Cmdr requesting the service

NEW- Resident Portal

* You will receive a letter detailing access

* Enables our Families to access their lease, place a work order and a lot of other valuable information!

Mountain Post Running Club- NEW VENUE!

*Meet at the Exchange- every Wed from 1600-1800

*All are welcome; 5K and 10K routes

*Exchange Restaurants will give $1 off every combo with MPRC stamp and will give away one $25 gift card each month!

*Reach 100K- BBC will give you a MPRC exclusive T-shirt

Receive $300 for referring your new neighbor!*

New Neighbors, please bring the following form with you when you come to lease your home:

I was referred to Balfour Beatty Communities! Following my lease signing, please send my friend, named below, a $300 gift card! As a current resident, my friend understands that he/she is only eligible for the Resident Referral Bonus if this referral is presented along with my signed lease and they will receive the gift card after the lease takes effect.

My Name | My Phone | Lease Signing Date

Current Resident Name (Please Print)

Current Resident Address (Please Print) | Phone Number | Today's Date

Bonus Distribution Date (office use)

$300

Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office:
6800 Prussman Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO

719-579-1606
FortCarsonFamilyHousing.com

*Some restrictions may apply. New resident must move in by 2/28/14.

$300 $300 $300 $300 $300

Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES)
576-6174

Evans Hospital Starbucks

Grand Opening

Monday 5 February 2014 @ 0900

Hours of Operation 0630-1700 Mon-Fri

Located @ End of East Entrance Hallway

EXCHANGE

FORT CARSON THE MOUNTAIN POST

U.S.ARMY

Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA)
503-8302

Commissary

Current Ops	Key Tasks
Your Commissary Holiday Hours: **Washington's Birthday: OPEN Monday, 17 February, 2014 1000-1800. No Early Bird shopping** **Ft. Carson's Seafood Express Road show starting on February 14 & 15, from 1200 – 1700. This is a self-service Road Show.**	**With the "Big Game" upon us, you need look no further than your local commissary for all the fixing's. You will find these items located at the front of the store. Come by the Produce Department and order your fresh fruit and veggie trays.**
Ongoing Events	**Issues**
Applications for the 2014 Scholarships for Military Children Program become available Dec. 3 at commissaries worldwide or on the Internet at http://www.militaryscholar.org.	**EARLY BIRD - Shopping, 20 items or less Monday - Friday from 0700-0900.**
Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 28, 2014. Packages must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods, not emailed or faxed. This year's award amount has risen to $2,000, and the program awards at least one scholarship at each commissary with qualified applicants.	

Red Cross
526-4502

2014
YEAR OF THE HORSE

Volunteer Social

January 30, 2014
Evans Army Community Hospital
11am – 1pm

Come celebrate Chinese New Year with the American Red Cross.

Volunteer Services

The American Red Cross is a volunteer driven organization with a proud history of service. We are constantly looking for new volunteers to help support the local community.

Current needs:

- Red Cross Office Assistants
- Hospital Volunteers
- Disaster Assistance
- Health and Safety Instructors
- Leadership Volunteers:
  - Chairman of Volunteers
  - Youth Program
  - Awards and Recognition

American Red Cross

CPR/First Aid/AED

An emergency can happen at ***any time*** and ***anywhere***, so be prepared!

Classes offered on Ft Carson or close to home if you live off-post.

Military discounts offered!
Call the Fort Carson office for details on the promotion code offer.

For more information call **526-7144 or 526-2311**
Or stop by our office at Evans **Army Community Hospital**

Rocky Mountain USO

Pmartinez@uso.org

COLORADO SPRINGS

*Sunday February 2nd- USO Colorado Springs Super Bowl Party

*Saturday February 8th –USO Colorado Springs Sweetheart Dinner and Dance

*Saturday April 19th- USO Easter Egg Hunt

As always, the USO is open 7 days a week for soldiers and their families to come enjoy a snack and take advantage of the great services offered at the USO Colorado Springs.

OIC, Tax Center
526-0659

FORT CARSON TAX CENTER

BUILDING 1358 BARKELEY AVENUE, FORT CARSON, CO

TAX Center will be offically open from 27 January 2014 to 9 may 2014.
Active Duty W-2 Forms will be available 24 January 2014.

What we do: we prepare and E-file taxes for Active Duty, Mobilized Reservists and National Guard, Retirees, and eligible Family Members.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 0900 – 1700 and select Saturdays; 15 February 2014, 8 March 2014, and 5 April 2014.

How to make an appointment: The Tax Center will begin making appointments on 21 January 2014.
Telephone: 719-526-0163
Email: usarmy.carson.4-id.sja-tax-center@mail.mil
Facebook Page "Fort Carson Tax Center"

President, Mountain Post Spouses Club
(614) 732-2191

SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY BAZAAR RAISED OVER $6K WHICH WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND WELFARE DONATIONS.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!

BUNCO LUNCHEON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE ONLY $15.

JOIN US TODAY…
WWW.MPSC.US
FACEBOOK: MOUNTAIN POST SPOUSES CLUB

Viva Las Carson

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Have your unit create a basket**
- **Have your unit sponsor/staff a Black Jack table**
- **Attend the event! Get your tickets now at www.mpsc.us**
- **Childcare is available**

CLOSING COMMENTS

Next CIE: 27 February 2014

0930-1100

Special Events Center